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Finn Evolution

Community builder and artist an icon in the Highlands. See page 4

Christmas Traditions

Roasted peacock, anyone? Not all holiday rituals have remained the same over the years. See page 6

Marc Jones and Courtney Crowe, auxiliary officers with the Haliburton Highlands OPP, collect a bag of food from Christian Toma of King City, who made the donation at Haliburton Foodland on Dec. 3 after a hockey tournament in the area. The officers were participating in the Fill a Cruiser campaign, to help collect food and supplies for area food banks prior to Christmas. The program also accepted donations from shoppers at Todd's Independent, Easton's Valumart and Dollo's Foodland, bringing in a total of 557 bags of food and almost $830 in cash donations. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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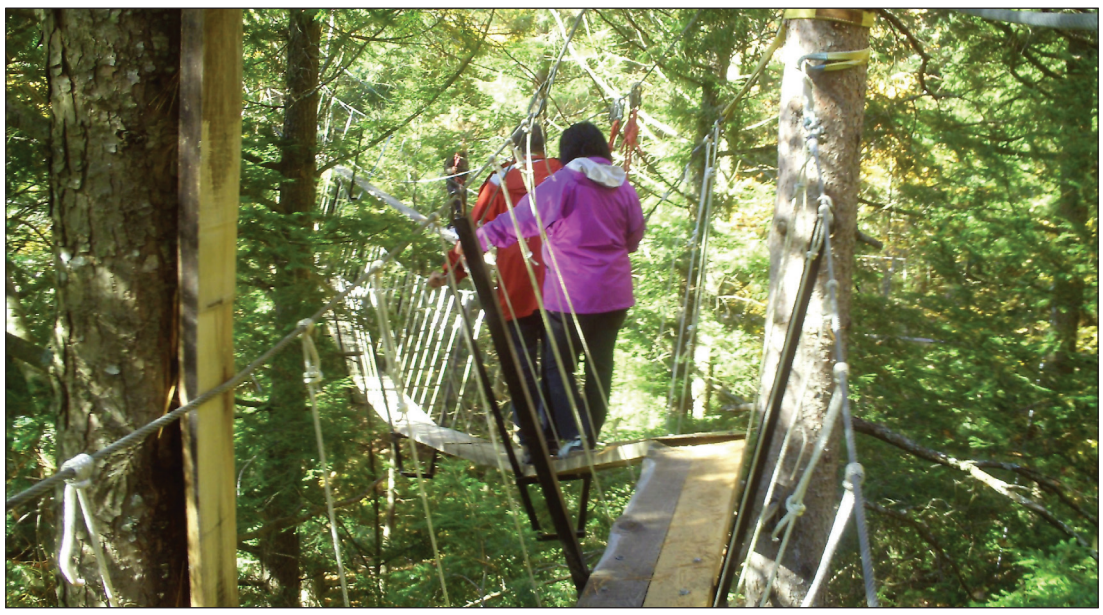

A team of hikers explore the tree tops on the canopy tour at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

The task of choosing a meaningful Christmas gift for a loved one seems to grow more difficult each year. With so many choices, sometimes shoppers forget that they can also give the gift of experiences this holiday season. Yours Outdoors tourism experience broker Barrie Martin said one way to give a friend or family member a memorable gift is to purchase an experience for them.

Yours Outdoors offers approximately 130 different tourism experiences that can be purchased at a range of price points.

Martin said the least expensive experience they have on their list at the moment is a sleigh ride, which costs $20 per person.

Though this experience has been available through Yours Outdoors for several years, he said over the last two winters it has become very popular.

"What we are finding is that that's appealing to the younger crowd – the millennials," he said.

"Typically, it's someone buying a gift for their girlfriend or boyfriend, or their son and daughter-in-law."

The experiences also vary widely in terms of the level of their difficulty.

For instance, Martin said this year he has had several people purchase gift certificates that they plan to use for the ice climbing adventure he offers. Guided snowshoeing and cross-country skiing tours are popular as well, he said.

To continue expanding the options available for their clients, Martin said this year he is planning to introduce lessons in skijoring. Yours Outdoors also has a series of art-related workshops such as making moccasins, pottery, glassblowing and glass fusion. There is an experience for everyone, he said.

"We get a lot of new Canadians coming up from Toronto for an experience," Martin said.

"You don't have to do much snowshoeing to give people an introduction to it, and leave them in awe of what the winter world here is all about. It's really cool to see them have those experiences and make those connections with the outdoors. The other thing that I try to focus on in terms of ecotourism is making sure that clients get to meet local people. When travelling, people like to meet local people and hear local stories."

A tour group at the Haliburton Forest work together to paddle a voyageur canoe across Upper Pelaw Lake.

Because many tourism experiences take place at different times of year in Haliburton County, Martin said the experiences they offer are great opportunities to bring family and friends together beyond the Christmas holiday season.

The gift of experience gives people a chance to spend more time together, have fun and share a common experience, he explained. To promote the tours he offers, and the local tourism industry, Martin has established multiple partnerships throughout the county.

One of these partners, the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is the company through which Martin offers a dogsledding experience.

Tourism manager at the Haliburton Forest Peter Cundall said the dogs have been extra eager lately to hit the trails, since there has been snow on the ground.

As long as the winter weather persists, he expects the trails to be open in the next few weeks. Through his experience at Haliburton Forest, he has come to understand how valuable the gift of an experience can be.

"One of the really great things about giving a tourism experience as a gift is the creation of memories," he said.

"We've noticed that a lot of the people who have purchased the gift card have done one of our experiences before. So, they are remembering the experience they had as a really good thing. Then they are purchasing a gift card to create that experience and that memory for someone in their family, or for one of their friends."

Like Yours Outdoors, Haliburton Forest also sells gift cards that can be used for any of the experiences they offer. Because gift cards can be used for any tourism product offered by Haliburton Forest, he said they will never disappoint those who receive one.

"People like to give them as Christmas gifts because that way the person who receives the card can book their own experience," said Cundall.

"Whether it's for the canopy tour, dogsledding, or a visit to the Wolf Centre – the uses are pretty broad that way, so it makes a great gift."

Opportunities for amazing experiences across the Highlands are vast. From gift certificates for massages or ski passes, operas or folk concerts, summer festivals or dining, there is plenty to see and do in the Highlands. Plus, when you buy a Highlands experience, you're investing in the local community.

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Feds launch 'Don't Drive High' campaign

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

Since data became available in 2009, drug-impaired driving has been on the rise in Canada, and is now considered by law enforcement to be a major contributor to fatal road crashes.

This same data has also shown that young people under the influence of drugs continue to be the largest group of drivers who are dying in these crashes.

On Dec. 5, Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness, launched the Don't Drive High campaign, announcing that the federal government would be spending up to $274 million to raise awareness of the dangers of drug-impaired driving.

The funds would be used to support law enforcement and border efforts to detect and deter drug-impaired driving, and enforce the proposed cannabis legalization and regulation. In his statement, Goodale encouraged Canadians to talk about the risks of drug-impaired driving with family and friends.

"Don't drive high," said Goodale. "Too many Canadians badly need to hear that message – too many people downplay the potentially deadly risks of driving high. With this new campaign, along with our partners like MADD Canada, Young Drivers of Canada, the Canadian Automobile Association and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, we will help Canadians, and especially youth and their parents, understand how your life can change in an instant when you drive high."

Goodale's statement also declared that the reason the Government of Canada introduced legislation to legalize was so they could strictly regulate and restrict access to cannabis.

It also acknowledged that the current approach to cannabis does not work because it allows "criminals and organized crime to profit, while failing to keep cannabis out of the hands of Canadian youth."

During the campaign, the public can expect to see ads in public spaces, on social media, on television and in movie theatres communicating the risks associated with driving under the influence of cannabis and other drugs.

Spokesperson for Public Safety Canada Karine Martel said the campaign was developed to raise awareness about driving under the influence of cannabis and other drugs; and to counter myths and misconceptions among Canadians aged 16 to 24. According to a recent public opinion research study, 50 per cent of youth in this age group believe that driving while under the influence of cannabis is more socially acceptable than driving under the influence of alcohol.

"Our goal is to make drug-impaired driving socially unacceptable in Canada, reduce the number of people who drive under the influence of cannabis or other drugs, and make our roads and communities safer for everyone," said Martel.

Though the work being done to develop roadside screening devices by the Canadian Society of Forensic Science's Drugs and Driving Committee (DDC) is separate from the Don't Drive High campaign, Martel said the funding also includes support for law enforcement to acquire these devices. Currently, she said roadside screening devices that detect cannabis have yet to be approved for use in Canada.

"With regard to next steps, devices will need to be tested against Canadian standards before they can be approved for the Canadian market and procured or used in Canada, Martel said.

"That work, which is ongoing, is being overseen and will need to be approved by the DDC. Police will not be authorized to use approved devices in Canada until that work is done and Bill C-46 receives Royal Assent."

To promote the campaign, the federal government also plans to engage young Canadians on social media and leverage partnerships with other levels of governments and organizations that are working toward the same goal to eliminate drug-impaired driving on Canadian roads. For more information on the Don't Drive High campaign visit the Facebook page, or website at www.canada.ca/en/campaign/don-t-drive-high.html.

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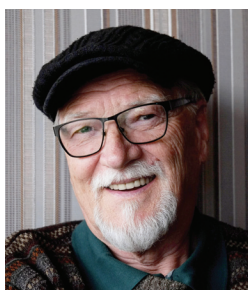
The Finn evolution: builder, painter and teacher



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts

Carole Finn is nothing if not resilient. January of 2017 started with burst pipes and torrents of water in all the rooms of her studio, which did considerable damage to printed material, brochures, business cards and several paintings.

But she decided to turn a bad situation on its ear by renovating the upstairs of her studio at 15 Newcastle St. in Minden, and moving in. It must have been a nostalgic move because the building was once owned and occupied by her late husband Don, who ran his law practice from the location and from the building next door. "It's a different life now," Finn said, "but I love it here and it's getting to feel like a real home."

People are always coming in and out of her home/studio; workmen, students taking courses, and people to help her with her art exhibits. She needs help because she has "poor depth perception and a blind eye."

That someone with a sight impediment can create the art she does, with virtually only one good eye, is a testament to Finn's tenacity and love of art.

That love contributed to her becoming a pioneer in the building and development of the arts in this county, and her well-documented exploits have ensured that she is recognized as an arts icon in the Highlands. In 2012, Finn became a member of the Ontario Society of Artists, a position that is voted upon by her peers.

Carole Finn has developed a special affinity for the west coast of British Columbia. That area inspired her Pacific Rim series, and she's presently working on another west coast series depicting wolves.

"It's a great honour," she said, "and I'd like to do more with it."

But what Finn has done, and continues to do, is considerable. She's had exhibitions of her work in the Highlands, Lindsay, Toronto, and in B.C. She's developed a special affinity for the west coast of British Columbia. That area inspired her Pacific Rim series, and she's presently working on another west coast series depicting wolves.

"It's a tribute to the genetically pure grey wolves of the Great Bear Rainforest in B.C.," said Finn, "which is the largest temperate rainforest in the world." These wolf canvases are impressively large and lifelike. Her artistic inspiration is undeniably the environment and the flora and fauna within it.

But Finn also has a love of teaching art, and her thinking has evolved to include studio classes, which have been ongoing for 14 months.

"I have students from rank beginners to excellent painters," Finn said, "Beginners learn tools that help develop successful paintings in their own style. Emerging artists learn advanced skills and explore new materials. Advanced painters enjoy creating and exploring different artistic disciplines, techniques, new materials, and a personal style based on art history and constructive critique by others."

Finns Artists' Center studio offers students a schedule of winter classes which includes an eight week course in instruction, one week to finish and prepare for an exhibition, and participation in a gallery show which will be opening on March 17 of 2018. Students are not guaranteed to evolve with the resilience and tenacity of Finn, but some of it is sure to rub off.

Carole Finn has also developed an online site where you can access a catalogue and purchase some of her fine prints. For more information on Finn, the gallery, the catalogue and classes, contact her at www.carolefinnartist.com or at 705-457-2404

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas bird count season. After a relatively mild and snow-free fall so far, it seems the weather has turned, and Haliburton County is starting to look like a winter wonderland. Those who started feeding birds in their yards by Thanksgiving, or kept their feeders going all year, likely have their usual customers arriving daily for meals, and maybe even have a lingering summer resident such as white-throated sparrow. On Dec. 3, I heard a winter wren at our farm south of Minden. This tiny songster had been recorded on only one of the first 50 counts, but it's so tiny and secretive, it could be overlooked unless you're familiar with its insistent chatter at dawn and dusk.

A plentiful crop of wild tree cones this summer combined with plenty of rain to fatten their seeds, means there is sufficient wild food to satisfy the hunger of many of our winter birds. This will likely mean that visitors to your feeding stations may be fewer in numbers and less regular than in years like the last several when wild food was scarce. But don't despair. The birds are still around. As the weather gets colder and wild food crops are depleted, more birds will visit feeders on a regular basis. So keep filling tube feeders with Niger seed, stock platform feeders with black sunflower seed, scatter some millet and cracked corn on the ground for mourning doves, tree sparrows and juncos, and don't forget to hang up suet for woodpeckers, nuthatches, and for Canada jays, if you're lucky enough to live near a tamarack wetland where this iconic species resides.

There's a good variety of winter finches this winter, although numbers keep fluctuating as these species wander widely in search of the most abundant and nutritious seeds. Species such as crossbills and siskins will nest in the dead of winter if they find enough food.

White-winged crossbills, American goldfinches, pine siskins and redpolls feed in trees with small cones such as white and yellow birch, eastern larch, white cedar, eastern hemlock and spruces. There are several races of red crossbills. Some have small beaks and feed on trees with small cones. Others have larger bills and are able to pry open the stronger cones of red pines to extract their plumper seeds.

Purple finches will feed on trees with smaller cones, but are particularly attracted to balsam firs. Fir trees produce cones that point up, rather than hanging down like other conifers. They also have flat needles. Those two factors allow some seeds that fall from the cones to be trapped among the needles and disintegrating cones, keeping them from dropping to the ground and becoming covered by snow. Spend some time in a stand of balsam fir this fall and you'll likely see purple finches feeding among them, and red-breasted nuthatches making repeated trips to the top of the same tree for more seeds. While a group of red-breasted nuthatches may call loudly as they come and go, the purple finches are more apt to be completely silent, so you need to be patient and watch carefully for movement.

Also quiet while feeding on the seeds of ash or Manitoba maple, may be pine grosbeaks. But spotting a brilliant pink male silhouetted against the snow on a bright sunny morning is worth the patient search. Evening grosbeak males are equally beautiful, almost gaudy in their yellow, black and white garb. Their preferred wild seeds are Manitoba maple, but they're very fond of black sunflower seeds too. If a flock suddenly appears at your feeder some morning, I'm sure it will bring a broad smile to your face.

So stock those feeders and keep track of the birds that come to visit on Saturday, Dec. 16. The success of the bird count depends on you doing your part. In addition to keeping track of how many birds of each species you see or hear, record approximately how many minutes you spend watching. If you go for a walk, or travel by car to shop or visit, keep track of the birds you spot along the way. And if you live near a lake or river with open water, be sure to let us know what waterfowl are around.

The 15-mile count circle extends from Moore Falls and Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, and from Bob Lake in the west to Irondale, Gelert, Lochlin and Ingoldsby in the east. Birds spotted outside the circle, while interesting, cannot be included in the count totals.

Call 705-286-1189 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 16, or call Ed on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 705-457-3018. Or you can e-mail your results to Ed at ed.barb@sympatico.ca.

If you'd like to join a group out counting on Dec. 16, call Ed as soon as possible.

Species not seen by anyone on Dec. 16, but found on Dec.13, 14, 15, 17, 18, or 19 will be recorded as count week birds. Numbers of individuals are not recorded for birds seen on any day except Dec. 16. We just want to know, for example, that, while no one saw a great horned owl anywhere in the count circle on Dec. 16, one was hooting in your back yard on Dec. 17.

Artists Wrap It Up

ERIN LYNCH

Special to *County Life*

A flurry of activity is happening in the studios of Fleming College. Students are busy preparing for Wrap it Up, the end-of-semester art exhibition hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. This one-day show will take place on Dec. 16 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Wrap it Up provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. The student-based initiative will feature a variety of media from fall semester students including painting and drawing, artist blacksmithing, fibres, ceramics, Visual and Creative Arts Diploma and Integrated Design. Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer questions. Select works will be available for purchase. The exhibition is free of charge and open to all. Join inspiring students for light refreshments as well as the opportunity to explore the unique and stimulating space that is the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

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Look familiar? This photo, taken around 1905, shows the road leading into the western end of the town of Haliburton. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

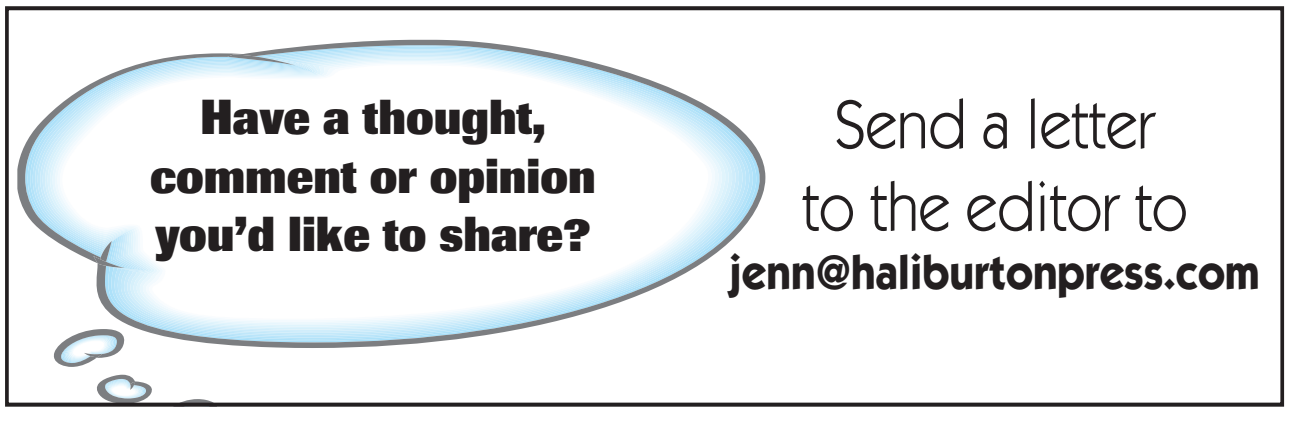
10 reasons to be happy winter is here

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

WELL, WINTER is finally here. And there are two ways you can view this. One way is to enjoy the heck out of it. The other way is from the front porch of a Mexican villa.

Since I don't look very good in a sombrero, I've decided to make a list of some positive things about winter. Here are 10.

1. Plumber's crack sightings are down 70 percent.
2. Summer was just too hard on the snowmobile.
3. The bird poop on your car doesn't show anymore.
4. You can stop wondering whether you should fix your car's air conditioning.
5. On really cold days, it's easy to tell who farted.
6. Finally a reason for knitting!
7. Hey, who doesn't like counting the days till spring?
8. Black flies are no longer an issue.
9. Shortened daylight hours are good for owls.
10. Downhill skiing opportunities arise when you least expect them.



Ghosts of Christmas tables past

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

This month, for the second year, we have been presenting a Museum Advent calendar on our social media, filled with fun facts and trivia from Christmases past. We might think that with Christmas being such a tradition laden time of year, customs have perhaps not changed that much. It's true that feasting, family and festivities have always been part of the celebrations, but the remarkable differences lie in the details, especially on the table! For instance, did you know that on the Medieval Christmas table, amongst the upper classes, peacock was the Christmas meal of choice?

It was obviously picked for its beauty and exoticism, because accounts of the day report that it didn't actually taste very good. Oftentimes, the peacock would actually be presented decorated with its own feathers after roasting! If one decided not to feast on peacock, a boar's head might have been in order. So popular was this dish in the Tudor court that there was a carol in celebration of the boar's head penned in 1521.

Yes, it would appear that many historical holiday main courses appear odd to us today, but surely dessert hasn't changed that much? In fact…it has!

The mince pies that often appear on today's holiday dessert tables were originally served at the beginning of a meal and contained prunes, raisins, dates, powdered beef, suet or marrow, minced mutton and saffron, amongst other ingredients. Christmas pudding, meanwhile, has its roots in a soup containing meat, wine, dried fruit and spices from the 14th century called frumenty. It wasn't until the early 17th century that it began to look more like the dessert we might recognize today. These dishes however, pay tribute to our longstanding love of holiday indulgence – the dried fruits and spices contained in them would have come over vast distances from tropical climates and would have perhaps been a very rare luxury.

Do you have visions of sugarplums this time of year? Amazingly, sugarplums never even contained plums! In reality, they were comfits, a seed, nut or spice covered in a candy coating. It's believed that they began their life as a medicine created by Arab apothecaries to aid indigestion and they were subsequently brought to Europe by traders. By the time of the Tudors, they had come to commonly be served at the end of a meal. In the 19th century, the term "plum" had come to mean anything delightful, hence the name of the Sugarplum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*, one of the most firmly entrenched of our modern holiday traditions.

Whatever you choose to grace your table with this festive season, on behalf of the staff of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, I'd like to thank you all for an amazing 2017 and wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and all the best for 2018!

Kate Butler is the director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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A decorate-a-cookie station in Santa's Workshop was popular and brought joy with the good kind of messy.

Heather Schulz revisited the area, bringing her daughters Evie and Greta from Australia to visit with Santa Claus at the Abbey Gardens winter festival and market on Dec. 2. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

Try as he might, Santa Claus could not convince one-and-a-half-year-old Amelia Lang to share a freshly decorated cookie in his workshop

Families greet winter at Abbey Gardens

Sisters Mackenzie and Madison Foisy enjoyed all Santa's Workshop had to offer at the Abbey Gardens winter festival and market.

Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery joined the winter market at Abbey Gardens on Dec. 2 with a collection of woodworking and stoneware and porcelain clay pottery created in a strictly wood-fueled kiln. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Auxiliary rings in holidays with wine

The smell of cookies, the sound of gentle harp music and the possibility of winning a wheelbarrow of wine drew people in to the annual Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop open house and bake sale on Dec. 3. While there, they browsed gift shop merchandise, greeted friends for chatty catch-ups and left with arms filled with bags of gifts and baked goods. And when it was all done, the gift shop brought in $2,800 and the bake sale brought in $1,100 to help support the hospital.

Kim Emmerson drew the winning ticket in the Wheelbarrow of Wine draw, and Wendy Gamble of Haliburton Lake won the prize – about 40 bottles of wine.

- Sue Tiffin

Harpist Grace Judge played Christmas carols alongside Marie Watson while shoppers browsed and friends caught up at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop open house and bake sale.

Visitors to the annual Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop open house and bake sale on Dec. 3 deliberated over purchases with fellow shoppers. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

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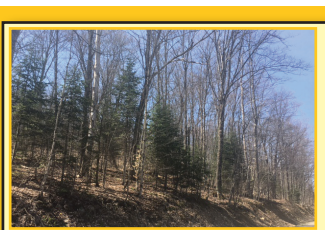

Elizabeth Thompson*
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Minden Home $399,900

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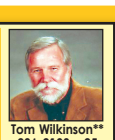
- Hardwoods, Ceramics, Propane Fireplace
- 5 Mins to Minden, Dbl Att'd & Sgl Det'd Garages



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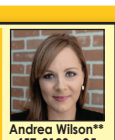
- 242 Acres on Howland Lake
- Semi private 90 acre lake
- Many development opportunities

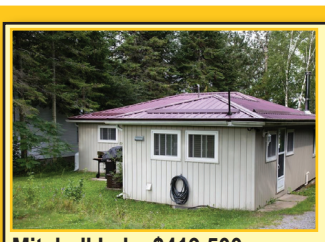


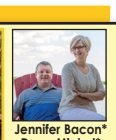
Andrea Wilson** 457-2128 x 25

SOLD

Boyne Lake Lot $185,000

- 10+ Acres, 320 Ft of Frontage
- Easy Access, expansive views
- 10 Minutes from Haliburton

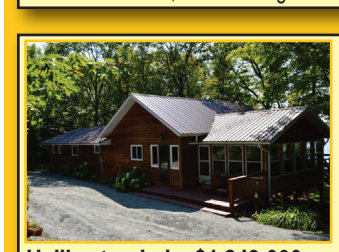




Jennifer Bacon* Dean Michel* 705-286-2138 x28

Mitchell Lake $419,500

- Turn-key 4 season 3 bedroom cottage
- Mitchel Lk has excellent fishing & boating
- Plus access The Trent Severn Waterway



Drew Bishop** 457-2128 x23

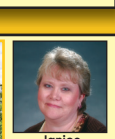
Haliburton Lake $1,249,000

- 200+ ft of SW exp w/ white Caribbean sand
- 5 bdrms, 3 baths, open vaulted living space
- Large screen rm, 2 bay garage & boathouse

Dagmar Boettcher** 457-5968

Irondale River $299,999

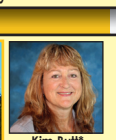
- 3 bedroom large home set on 2 acres
- Flat property with ATV/sled shed
- Separate 1 bdrm cottage at waterfront



Janice Brookes* 457-2128 x 22

105 Acres/Viceroy $469,000

- Full-Walkout Basement with amazing views!
- Man's dream 30x40 Workshop, oversized garage!
- Quality construction with SW exposure! Must see!

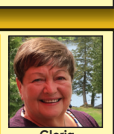


Kim Butt* 286-2138 x31

RIGHT IN TOWN

Minden Lot $43,800

- Vacant residential building lot in the town
- Located on the corner of Prince & Booth St
- Mostly cleared & level property, ideal for building



Gloria Carnochan* 754-1932

WELL

West Guilford Bldg Lot $45,000

- Residential Building lot, 225 ft well
- Level corner lot, ready to build, well treed
- Walk to beach, store, restaurant, school bus

Mark Dennys* 457-0473

Home/Cottage $359,900

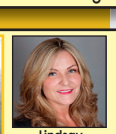
- 64 Acres, Hardwood Forest, Private, Stream
- 1287 Sq Ft, 3 Bdm, 4 pc Bath
- Hike/Quad/Hunt/Fish, 15 Min to Haliburton

Tom Ecclestone* 286-2138 x 26

SOLD

Gull Lake $939,000

- Immaculate Confederation Log Home
- Year Round Access, spectacular views
- Geo Thermal Heating, Fully Turnkey



Lindsay Elder** 457-5878

SOLD

Brady Lake $379,000

- 4 season enjoyment, 3 bedroom cottage
- Insulated bunkie and detached garage
- Level lot w/beautiful views over 127 ft fr

Lee Gauthier** 489-9968

Sir Sams Chalet $599,000

- B&B or Residential: 8 bdrms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill,

Scott Harrison* 286-2138 x 28

SOLD

Kennisis Lake Rd $139,900

- 52.9 Acres of mixed hardwood & Hemlock
- Yr-round access mins to West Guildford
- Well is in, Building Site Cleared

Andrew Hodgson*** 286-2138 x 29

Kashagawigamog Lake $189,000

- Great opportunity to build your home/cottage
- 3 separate lots that are being sold together
- Waterfront is across the road, 5 Lk chain access

Susanne James* & Andy Mosher** 457-2128 x 33

Miskwabi Lake Access $319,900

- 4-season home or cottage
- Deeded lake access just up the road
- Double lot for exceptional privacy

Rosemarie Jung* 457-7049

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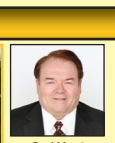


David Lee* 286–2138 x 27

Diamond Lake Lot $114,900

- Lovely lot on a deep, clean lake
- Off a year round road with driveway Installed
- Site has been cleared, 15 mins to Bancroft

Erin Nicholls* 457–2128 x 34

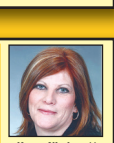
Haliburton Home $299,900

- Classic 4 bdrm home right in Haliburton Village
- Amazing view over Head Lake + shop & garage
- Sits on a 1.3 acre lot with nice backyard

Brandon Nimigon 457–2128 x 27

West Lake Lots from $239,900

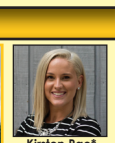
- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location



Karen Nimigon** 457–2128 x 29

Lake Lorraine $114,000

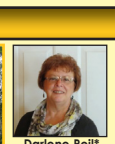
- 1+ acre lot with 30' lakefront on a pretty lake
- Great building lot awaiting your imagination
- Own waterfront at an affordable price



Kirsten Rae* 286-2138 x 30

Kennisis River $109,900

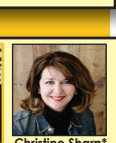
- Lovely building lot, short boat ride into Halls Lake
- Natural shoreline with picturesque river views!



Darlene Reil* 447-2055

Wilberforce Home $276,000

- Huge home on 3 acres of privacy
- 3 levels, lots of room for the while family
- Plus several W/O's, rec room w/bar & more



Christine Sharp* 286-2138 x59

Overlooking Beech Lake $297,500

- Perfect size year round cottage or home
- 2 bedroom + 2 story bunkie & lots of updates
- 100' of sandy beach & dock across the road

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PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

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Upcoming Events

Essonville Historic Church Christmas Carol Service
When: Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.
All are welcome

Advent Choral Service with the Haliburton United Church Choir
When: Sunday, Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
Anthems, readings and carol singing with the choir.
Directed by Melissa Stephens

Haliburton Pastoral Charge, Christmas Eve Services
Joint Pastoral Charge Morning Service
When: Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m. singing, 10:30 a.m. service
Where Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd. Minden

Joint Pastoral Charge Evening Service-Communion and Special Music
When: Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church

Haliburton Pastoral Charge, New Years Eve Services
Morning Service-Joint Service for Ingoldsby and Lochlin United Churches
When: Dec. 31, 9 a.m. singing, 9:30 a.m. service
Where: Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Rd., Minden
Contemporary Service
When: Dec. 31, 11:15 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church

Therapeutic Touch® Level 1
When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018
Learn a holistic, evidenced based therapy that provides relaxation in any situation and boosts the immune system for improved healing, health and well being.
Level 1 introduces the method and the human energy system with hands on practice.
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Therapeutic Touch® Level 2 Workshop
When: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, 8:30-5:30 p.m.
Continue or refresh your Therapeutic Touch journey! Learn to recognize and understand the meaning of imbalances in the energy field and methods of rebalancing the field to promote health and well being.
Level 2 provides an in depth look at the process and its efficacy with hands on practice.
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Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Spaghetti dinner 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Monday Bid Euchre 7:00p.m. Beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30p.m.
We are in dire need of volunteers for many different things we have going on. If anyone is interested in helping our beautiful legion please call the legion 705-448- 2221 and sign up today
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Legion is closed Dec. 25. Merry Christmas. Dec. 26, Boxing Day
Dec. 31 New Years Eve Dance. DJ Mike 9 p.m. - close
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Jan. 27 Crib tournament in Trenton 29/$50 - 28/$25 - 24/$10

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start,
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
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Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
Occasional volunteers are needed.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

Wendy Gamble was the lucky winner of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's 'Wheelbarrow of Wine" fundraiser. With 40 bottles of wine donated by auxiliary members and a wheelbarrow donated by Emmerson Lumber, Wendy was all smiles. Pictured here is convener Jane Jaycock, Wendy Gamble and convener Diane Smith. The auxiliary would like to thank all those who purchased tickets and helped raise over $4,100 for capital equipment for our Haliburton Hospital.

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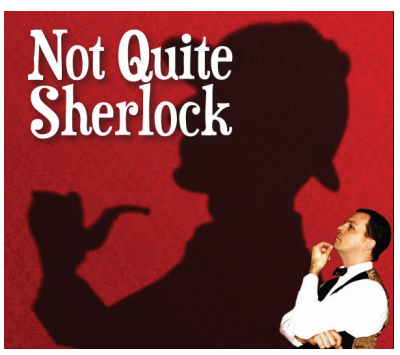

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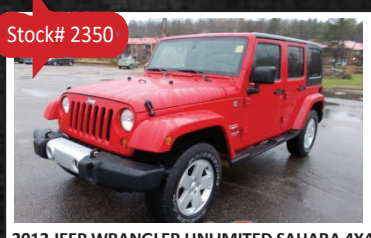

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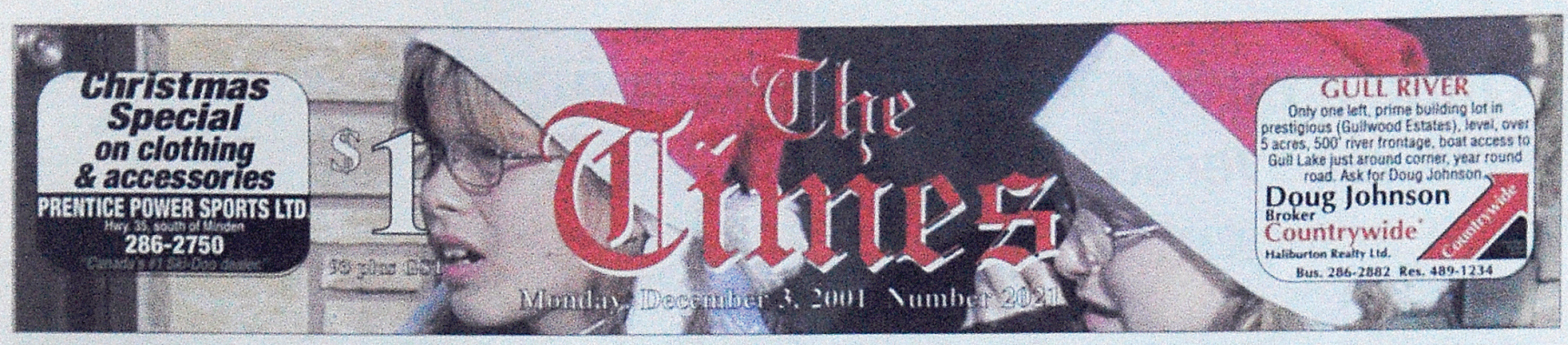

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Highway work causes short-term negative impact for businesses

by Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Peter Rigby said that although the summer of 2001 has been good to most businesses in Haliburton County, some have endured a reduction in business because of the highway construction in Minden.

The Chamber manager said he has heard from various businesses, with some showing an increase in business in spite of the construction, while others are suffering because of it.

"The road work made it inconvenient [for people traveling along Highway 35 to find the entrances to businesses] and the heavy equipment has a tendency to be intimidating," Rigby said. Some of the clothing stores restaurants and gift shops seem to have suffered a decrease in business. Overall, Rigby said business in the area seems to be up from previous years. "We've been seeing increased visitations at the welcome centre," he said, "which is an indication that business is up."

Rigby noted that the two gas bars on Highway 35 saw a decline in business when work was being done along the highway in front of them. But, when the construction was in front of one gas bar, business increased at the other one. The tradeoff may have offset some of the losses.

Rigby said the construction will be a benefit in the long run. "There are some businesses hurting now," he said. "But, they're telling me 'if I can't make it through now, how's it going to help me later'," Rigby said. "The proof will be to see if they are still in business for the next tourist season."

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Moore's Lake fuel oil spill is quickly contained

by Jerry Grozelle

A fuel oil spill seeped into Moore's Lake Wednesday, November 28.

Initial reports are that a local fuel oil company was filling the oil tank at a storage building owned by Paul Pilon at Moore's Falls when the tank overflowed and a quantity of oil made its way to the lake through a drain. The amount of oil that actually made it to the lake is unknown.

Minden Hills public works superintendent Clayton Cameron said he was notified through the Ministry of Environment Spills Action Centre at about 11:30 a.m. He said a local resident smelled oil and alerted the centre. "The process to get it cleaned up was

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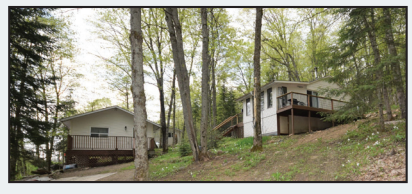

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